

**REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Randy Chevalier (late), Ben Kaquatosh, Jeremy Weso (late), Kathy Kaquatosh, and Rose Ponfil. MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Waupoose (excused). Also present: Felicia Gatz, Carolyn Miller, Gail Swanke, Joanne Eisfelder, Brett Hoffman, Yvette Ducane, Glenda Tahmakera, Gail Bowman, Kim Oshkeshequoam, Lindsay Grall, John Wilhelmi, and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Election of Officers and Review/Approval of Committee By Laws

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A nomination was made by Ben Kaquatosh to appoint Jeremy Weso to serve as Vice-Chairman. (No other nominations were made).

Jeremy Weso was appointed as Vice-Chairman.

A nomination was made by Kathy Kaquatosh to appoint Randal Chevalier to serve as Secretary. (No other nominations were made).

Randal Chevalier was appointed as Secretary.

(Jeremy Weso entered the meeting at 4:34 p.m.)

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE BY LAWS

The By Laws that were submitted in the packet could not be determined if they were the correct By Laws. This item will be researched and the correct copies handed out.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to table the By Laws until the correct copy can be reviewed. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Chevalier and Waupoose).

4. Approval of Minutes dated February 12, 2009

On page 1, under #-4, second paragraph, “the provider should only **build**”, the word should be “**bill**” not “**build**”.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the minutes dated February 12, 2009 with any potential corrections. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Ponfil), and 2 absent (Chevalier and Waupoose).

5. Draft Ordinance ____ - Menominee Area Transit Authority

Jeremy Weso informed the Committee that the draft does not include a memo describing the necessity of having this ordinance. Shawn Klemens will continue to work with the Legal Department in order to submit a final product.

The Committee will submit their comments to Mr. Klemens for consideration.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to table item # 5 – Draft Ordinance ____ - Menominee Area Transit Authority. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Chevalier and Waupoose).

6. Draft Ordinance ____ - Menominee Contractor Preference

Brett Hoffman never received a copy of the Draft and there are some issues that still need to be worked out.

A workgroup will be established to review the Draft and will be submitted again when it is ready for recommendation to the Legislature. This item will come back in 90 days in order to give the workgroup enough time to develop a draft for consideration, and the workgroup will contact the different Tribal Entities for more input.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table item # 6 – Draft Ordinance ____ - Menominee Contractor Preference. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Chevalier and Waupoose)

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to appoint a sub-committee comprised of the Vice-Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, the Human Resources Director, the Financial Manager, the Property Management and Acquisition Manager to develop the Menominee Contractor Preference Ordinance and to also include legal and to consult with the tribal entities and bring this back in 90 days. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Chevalier and Waupoose).

7. Amendment to Ordinance # 79-15 – Enrollment in the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Yvette Ducane – Director of the Enrollment Department informed the Committee that the Constitution is silent on the Ancillary Role Book and the issue on how the Menominee Tribe wants to treat descendants for enrollment purposes needs to be addressed.

The clarification would assist the Human Resource Departments to correctly score the applicants when conducting interviews.

The Governmental Affairs Committee will work on the provisions in regards to the definition of dual membership; how the Menominee Tribe will treat requests for enrollment into the ancillary roll utilizing an example: 1) An enrolled tribal member relinquish their membership will be recognized as a descendant, but with no privileges; and 2) An individual who is not eligible for enrollment, but is eligible for the Ancillary Role, will have be a descendant with priviledges

The Governmental Affairs Committee will host a joint meeting with the Enrollment Committee, so that the proposed amendments can be reviewed by both committees. Any changes/suggestions should be forwarded to Lindsay Grall (within the next two weeks) for inclusion into the existing ordinance. Ms. Grall will work on the amendments and also add line numbering for easier editing. When this task has been completed, she will notify the Chairman's Office so that a joint meeting can be scheduled. Ms. Grall will work on the amendment and add line numbering for easier editing.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table this item until the Legal Department has incorporated all of the recommended changes, added the line numbering, and then a joint meeting can be scheduled between the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Enrollment Committee within the next 45 days for review. Second was by Rose Ponfil. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent (Chevalier and Waupoose).

(Randal Chevalier entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m.)

8. Monetary Distribution Control Policy

This policy deals with how the Tribe will handle the disbursed payments once an excess profit, stumpage or per capita payment has been issued from the Tribe. The policy needs some more revisions and will be brought back to the Committee in 90 days for approval.

Motion made by Randal Chevalier to table the Monetary Distribution Control Policy for 90 days to allow the Enrollment Department, the Finance Department, the ASO for the Enrollment Department, and the Legal Department to update this policy for approval. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (Waupoose).

9. Amendment to Ordinance # 82-10 – Tribal Preference: Discussion/Recommendations

The Committee reviewed the proposed amendments and received input from the College, and the Casino. Discussion was held on the following: posting procedure, educational points, knowledge of points, the appeals process, and the penalty section.

John Wilhelmi will make the corrections and present this to the Committee for recommendation to the Legislature for approval.

The Committee would also like to repeal Ordinance #82-10 in its entirety and replace it with a simplified Ordinance for Menominee Tribal Preference. They will meet on this concept at next month's meeting.

Motion made by Randal Chevalier to approve the revisions to Ordinance # 82-10 and send to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for 1st consideration. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (Waupoose).

10. Monthly Narratives

INSURANCE

The Medical Relief Block Grant noted in the report has been expended. It was noted that Governor Doyle is trying to eliminate this program altogether. The Committee requested that the Insurance Department include the Property Management aspect into his report along with the time frame that is being reported.

ENROLLMENT

The Committee would like the report edited before submission.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Committee would like more elaboration on why he is not meeting his objective goals and if this has to do with awaiting approval of his budget, this should be noted.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to approve the Enrollment, IT, Insurance, Property Management and Menominee Nation News as presented. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (Waupoose).

11. Other Business

The Human Resource Department is waiting for a legal opinion on Debt Collection (Ordinance # 03-17) and the job screening process. The Department would like to know if they can screen out someone based on if the individual is on the Bad Debt list.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Randal Chevalier. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent (Waupoose).

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office